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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Aug 19, 1999
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirements

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 2-4
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been reviewed. Original claims 1-25 are pending. The rejection cited stated below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The subject matter “**calling script**” as recited in claims 9-13 was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shakib et al U.S. Patent No. 5,812,793.

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- identifying changes in a source file set (keeping track of locally made changes to a particular data set), (see col. 4, lines 25-38);
- storing the identified changes in a modification list (see the abstract, store and forward and col. 9, lines 55-67);
- transmitting the modification list to an agent having access to a destination file stem (see col. 14, lines 50-67 and col. 10, lines 34-44).

In considering claims 2-3 and 25, Shakib et al discloses a system, further comprising the step of transmitting the changed files to the agent having access to the destination file system and installing the changed files on the destination file system (see col. 10, lines 34-44).

In considering claims 4-7, 16-17, Shakib et al discloses a system, wherein the

identifying step comprises the steps of:

inspecting a set of files, comparing the set of files to an earlier-recorded set (see col. 13, lines 11-44);

installing a device driver to perform file operations and recording, by the device driver, changes to the source file set (inherent); and

receiving a manifest (list) describing changes to the source file set (see col. 9, lines 55-67);

In considering claim 8 and 18, Shakib et al discloses a system, wherein the file attribute comprises at least one attribute chosen from the set of file size, file permissions, file ownership, modification time, and a hash of the file (see col. 4, lines 50-65).

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As per claim 14, the claim includes features in claim 1 discussed above, further reciting:

transmitting the modification list to a plurality of web servers (plurality of replica nodes
(see col. 14, lines 50-67).

In considering claim 15, Shakib et al discloses a system, wherein the transmitting step comprises
broadcasting inherently including multicasting (see col. 14, lines 50-67).

In considering claims 19-20. The claim have similar scope as claims 1 and 14 and are rejected
under the same rationale.

In considering claims 21-23, Shakib et al discloses a system, including:

identifying changes in a source file set (keeping track of locally made changes to a particular
data set), (see col. 4, lines 25-38);

storing the identified changes in a modification list (see the abstract, store and forward and col.
9, lines 55-67);

transmitting the modification list to an agent having access to a destination file stem (see col.
14, lines 50-67 and col. 10, lines 34-44).

CONCLUSION

6. The prior art made of record and relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicants
disclosure.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner
should be directed to **Abdullahi E. Salad** whose telephone number is (703) 308-8441. The

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examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from **8:30AM to 5:00PM**. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Glen Burgess**, can be reached at **(703)305-4792**. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is **(703)305-3900**.

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